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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, AND 1.98**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, in connection with the above-identified patent application, the Applicant calls to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The foreign patent document is enclosed.

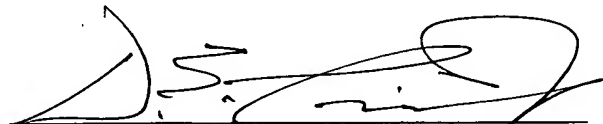
The relevance, as presently understood, of Japanese patent document number JP 9-302553 is as described in the JPO-database abstract, enclosed as Appendix A.

Please be advised that an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. references was electronically filed on even date herewith.

The Applicant requests that the Examiner review the references and make an independent determination of their relevance.

Respectfully submitted,

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